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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2005, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

Claim Objection

Claim 9 has been objected to because of the following formalities, as stated in the Office Action: "In claim 9 at line 1, "said five degrees" lacks antecedent basis." (See Office Action, 5/31/05, page 2). Applicants submit that claim 9, as amended, does not lack antecedent basis, and respectfully submit that the objection be withdrawn.

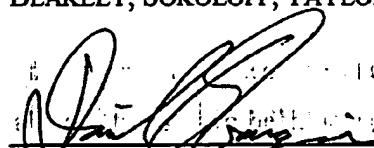
Conclusion

Having tendered the above remarks and amended the claims as indicated herein, the Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been addressed and that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Daniel Ovanezian at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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